

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A system for implementing a best fare for a patron utilizing a smart card for access to mass transit devices, the system comprising:

a mass transit central computer;

a best fare data base connected to the mass transit central computer,

the best fare data base for storing a plurality of price point tables
for the mass transit devices; \ \ \

a value load list processor for downloading at least one of the plurality
of price point tables to the mass transit devices;

the mass transit devices comprising:

a smart card reader for reading from and writing to a smart card,
the smart card for storing fare transaction data and a monetary value
of a purchased fare pass;

a best fare processor in communication with the mass transit
central computer, the best fare processor for analyzing
transaction data stored on the smart card to a plurality of
price points of a price point table of the plurality of price
point tables, the best fare processor for determining a start
date and an end date for the purchased fare pass when
the fare transaction data and monetary value meet a price
point of the plurality of price points of the price point table.

Please add the following new claim:

18. A system for implementing a best fare for a patron utilizing a smart card for access to mass transit devices, the system comprising:
- a mass transit central computer;
 - a best fare data base connected to the mass transit central computer,
 - the best fare data base for storing a plurality of price point tables for the mass transit devices, the plurality of price point tables containing at least one transit pass;
 - a value load list processor for downloading at least one of the plurality of price point tables to the mass transit devices;
 - the mass transit devices comprising:
 - a smart card reader for reading from and writing to a smart card,
 - the smart card for storing fare transaction data and a monetary value of a purchased fare pass; and
 - a best fare processor in communication with the mass transit central computer, the best fare processor for comparing the fare transaction data stored on the smart card to a plurality of price points of a price point table of the plurality of price point tables to determine the best fare available to the patron.
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Q. 1 + C. 15, p. 29-37